

## REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this patent application. By this response, claims 8-20 have been withdrawn from further consideration. Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested.

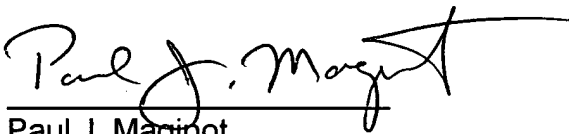
### Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the September 24, 2002 Office Action, please restrict examination to claims 1-7 of the present application. Accordingly, please withdraw claims 8-20 from further consideration. Applicants are retaining claims 8-20 in the patent application pending a decision regarding the filing of a divisional patent application directed at these claims.

### Conclusion

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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